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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Senior Reclamation Specialist *HS*

RE: Site Inspection, Eagle Canyon B & J Placer Claims, Georgia Pacific, S/015/050, Emery County, Utah

Date of Inspection: July 10, 1991

Time of Inspection: 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Conditions: Sunny, hot, wet

Participants: Bryant Anderson, Emery County; Neil Simmons, BLM; Holland Shepherd, DOGM

A visit was paid to the Georgia Pacific Eagle Canyon site today, as a means of facilitating discussion between Emery County, the BLM and DOGM. Emery County officials are concerned about bonding this site properly. They are concerned about the road and about reclamation of the mine site. Currently, no bond exists for this mine. The BLM says that it is within an Area of Critical and Environmental Concern; although it is under 5 acres, it requires a Plan of Operations and bonding. DOGM is not ready for bonding the site yet, as it is still under 5 acres.

The county is agreeable to let bonding for the site take place, to be handled by the BLM or DOGM. It would have to be done by the BLM at this time, because it is under 5 acres. The county indicated they are getting into new territory with their interest in bonding and requiring sureties for mine sites within Emery County and they would like to get some more information and help from the Division and the BLM. There was some discussion about an MOU that might need to be developed between the Division and Emery County to facilitate such situations in the future. The county would like to be informed about any reclamation and sureties and bonding that might be related to mine sites within Emery County. Their main concerns however, have to do with the access roads to these sites and the maintenance of these roads which are oftentimes used by tourist traffic as well as mine traffic.

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The Georgia Pacific site is still inactive. It has not developed to any larger extent since my last inspection. The site disturbed acreage is approximately 3 acres. Georgia Pacific has stopped mining this site because of the quality of the gypsum rock found there is not as good as that found at the Lanny Jensen, B & J placer claims just south of the Georgia Pacific site. Georgia Pacific is currently purchasing gypsum from Lanny Jensen.

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cc: Bryant Anderson
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